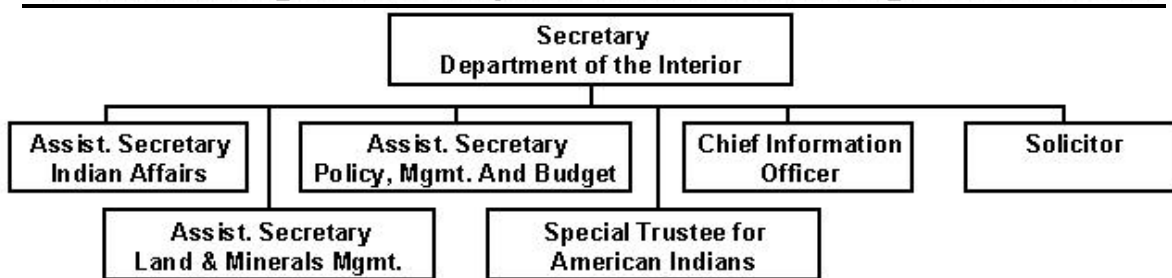


## **OVERSIGHT, MONITORING AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Trust Management Improvement Steering Committee.** Management of Indian trust lands and Indian trust funds is a Departmental mission. Ultimate responsibility for its accomplishment rests with the Secretary of the Interior. The Special Trustee, with the full participation of other Departmental officers, took the lead in developing a *High Level Implementation Plan* and overseeing its execution. The project is accomplished under the guidance and oversight of the Trust Management Improvement Steering Committee, chaired by the Secretary, with membership as depicted in the chart below. Between scheduled meetings of the Steering Committee, the Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management and Budget moderates and coordinates meetings with appropriate Committee members and staff to deal with any resource issues, roadblocks, or other matters that cannot wait until the next Steering Committee meeting for resolution.

### **Trust Management Improvement Steering Committee**



The Chief Information Officer provides Departmental oversight on the systems and information resources management aspects of these efforts.

The respective heads of Bureaus and Offices are individually responsible for implementing trust management improvement activities in their respective line organizations.

A consolidated budget is developed and coordinated and under the oversight of the Special Trustee for American Indians, who reviews and certifies plans and budgets in accordance with

the American Indian Trust Funds Management Reform Act of 1994.

### **Standing and Ad Hoc Councils and Committees**

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During the first year and half of operation of the HLIP, two Standing entities have been created.

#### **1. Records Management Steering Committee**

On May 19, 1999, the Assistant Secretary–Policy, Management and Budget approved recommendations made by the Assistant Secretary–Indian Affairs and the Acting Special Trustee for American Indians concerning Indian records management. An Indian Affairs Records Management Steering Committee consisting of the Assistant Secretary–Policy, Management and Budget, the Assistant Secretary–Indian Affairs, and the Special Trustee for American Indians was established. The purpose of the Steering Committee is to resolve any inter-agency disputes that may arise.

#### **2. Policies and Procedures Council**

On April 28, 1999, the Assistant Secretary–Policy, Management and Budget established the HLIP Trust Policies and Procedures Council. The Council is composed of the personal representatives of the Assistant Secretary–Indian Affairs, the Special Trustee for American Indians, the Director, Bureau of Land Management, the Director, Minerals Management Service, and the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals. The Council's responsibility is to carry out appropriate inter-bureau coordination in the establishment of new and revised policies and procedures.

During work on the 11 subprojects the need may arise for the establishment of additional Standing or Ad Hoc Committees or Councils. Such organizations may be created, as appropriate, with the approval of the Assistant Secretary–Policy, Management and Budget.

### **SUBPROJECT MANAGERS**

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Below are listed the responsible subproject Managers from the respective Bureaus and Offices. The named individuals have primary responsibility for planning, managing and leading the effort described in the High Level Implementation Plan for designed subprojects.

**DATA CLEANUP**

OST Data Cleanup ..... Douglas Lords, OST  
BIA Data Cleanup .. Dominic Nessi, BIA  
Probate Backlog ..... Charles Breece, OHA, Larry Scrivner, BIA  
BIA Appraisals ..... Gabriel Sneezy, BIA

**SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS**

Trust Funds Accounting System (TFAS) ..... Dianne Moran, OST  
Trust Asset Accounting and Management System (TAAMS). .... Dominic Nessi, BIA  
MMS Systems Reengineering ..... Milt Dial, MMS

**RELATED AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS**

Records Management ..... Ken Rossman, OST  
Policy and Procedures ..... Arthur Gary, BIA  
Training ..... Richard Fitzgerald, OST  
Internal Controls ..... Ken Moyers, OST

**SUBPROJECT BUDGET ESTIMATE SUMMARY**

The following table summarizes the estimates of the subproject funding requirements for Fiscal Years 1997 through 2001.

Summary of Subproject Budget Estimates (Dollars in millions)				
SUBPROJECT	FY 1997/1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
OST Data Cleanup	5.9	3.9	2.1	1.5
BIA Data Cleanup	--	10.6	9.8	8.9
Probate	.6	1.0	8.8	9.0
BIA Appraisal Program	--	.4	1.3	2.2
<b>CLEANUP SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>21.6</b>
Trust Funds Accounting System	6.2	9.2	17.0	14.2
Trust Asset Accounting and Management System	--	8.1	18.4	12.9
MMS Systems Reengineering	--	1.0	3.0	3.0
<b>SYSTEMS SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>30.1</b>
Records Management	.8	1.5	9.6	8.0
Policy and Procedures	--	--	1.0	1.0
Training	.1	.4	5.2	3.0
Internal Controls	2.5	1.9	3.3	3.0
<b>SUPPORT SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>15.0</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>66.6</b>

**General Notes**

Totals may not add up due to rounding. FY 1997 through 1999 are actual obligations. FY 2000 is the funding currently allocated for each subproject. FY 2001 are funds requested in the President's 2001 Budget Request, and have not yet been enacted by Congress.

**Subproject Specific Notes:**

Probate. 2001 funding for the probate subproject includes \$3.0 million requested in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Budget to phase in permanent staffing for the probate program.

Appraisals. All 2001 funding for the appraisal subproject is requested under the Bureau of Indian Affairs to support permanent funding for the appraisal program.

Training. In late FY 2000, a contract is expected to be awarded to deliver training through 2001 with most of the expenditures occurring in that year.